

House Resolution 1429

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Rogers of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. William Douglas "Billy" Dilworth and dedicating a road in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. William Douglas "Billy" Dilworth was known throughout his community
4 and this state for his journalistic integrity, professionalism, and dedication to entertaining and
5 informing his audience; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of the Red Hill community of Franklin County, Mr. Dilworth made a
7 name for himself in media, working for years in the newspaper, radio, and television
8 industries; and

9 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, where he wrote
10 for the *Red & Black* student newspaper; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dilworth wrote news and features for the *Athens Daily News* and worked
12 as a writer for the *Anderson Independent* in South Carolina and the *Atlanta Times*; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1985, he became the host of *The Billy Dilworth Show* which aired on
14 WNEG-TV for more than 20 years and entertained with a mixture of music and interviews;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, *The Billy Dilworth Show* was the longest running live television broadcast in
17 the country; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
19 American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 59 from the intersection with

22 State Route 17 to Highway 164/Bold Springs Road in Franklin County is dedicated as the
23 Billy Dilworth Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Billy Dilworth Memorial
26 Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Mr. William Douglas "Billy" Dilworth and to the Department of Transportation.